

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tool comprising:

first and second cooperating members, each of said first and second cooperating members comprising at least a jaw section and a handle, said first and second cooperating members detachably interconnected at a pivot means in a mutually overlapping relationship so as to permit movement of said jaw sections relative to one another by said handles;

a first blade comprising a tip and a base spaced from said tip, at least a first and a second cutting edge extending from substantially said tip and extending toward said base and a longitudinal axis of said first blade extending from said tip to said base, said first cutting edge counterposed to said second cutting edge directly across a said longitudinal axis of said blade, said first blade removably juxtaposed mounted at least partially using said pivot means to said jaw section of said first cooperating member such that said blade can be rotated about said longitudinal axis to face either said first cutting edge or said second cutting edge toward said second cooperating member; and

a third cutting edge mounted juxtaposed to said jaw section of said second cooperating member.

2. (Original) The tool of claim 1, further comprising a pocket formed in said jaw section of said first cooperating member, said pocket adapted to removably receive at

least a portion of said first blade.

3. (Previously Amended) The tool of claim 2, wherein said first cutting edge of said first blade is shielded by a flange which defines an edge of said pocket, and wherein said second cutting edge of said first blade is exposed for cutting.

4. (Previously Amended) The tool of claim 2, wherein said first cutting edge projects beyond an edge of said jaw section.

5. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 4, further comprising a tang forming the base of said first blade, said tang being closely received in a pocket in said first cooperating member.

6. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 5, wherein each of said cooperating members defines an aperture capable of accommodating said a pivot means.

7. (Original) The tool of claim 6, wherein each of said cooperating members defines an outward-facing hexagonal recess, and said cooperating members are detachably interconnected with a bolt fastened with a hexagonal nut.

8. (Original) The tool of claim 6, wherein said tang of said first blade defines at least one tang aperture, and wherein said tang aperture is aligned with said apertures of said cooperating members.

9. (Original) The tool of claim 8, wherein said tang of said first blade defines two tang apertures, and wherein one of said tang apertures is aligned with said apertures of said cooperating members.

10. (Original) The tool of claim 9, further comprising a tab protruding from said tang of said first blade.

11. (Original) The tool of claim 10 wherein said tool is hand-operated.

12. (Original) The tool of claim 11, wherein each of said cooperating members has at least two finger loops.

13. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said jaw section of one of said cooperating members is set at an angle to said handle section of the same cooperating member.

14. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 1, further comprising a tang which forms the a base of said first blade.

15. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said third edge is permanently fixed to said jaw of said second cooperating member.

16. (Original) The tool of claim 2, wherein said cooperating members are attached to each other by a manually removable nut.

17. (Previously Amended) The tool of claim 1, wherein a second blade comprises said third cutting edge and a fourth cutting edge, said third cutting edge counterposed to said fourth cutting edge across a longitudinal axis of said second blade.

18. (Previously Amended) The tool of claim 17, wherein said third cutting edge projects beyond an edge of said jaw section.

19. (Original) The tool of claim 18, wherein each of said cooperating members defines an aperture capable of accommodating a pivot means.

20. (Original) The tool of claim 18, wherein said cooperating members are detachably interconnected with a bolt fastened with a hexagonal nut which passes through said apertures.

21. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 20, wherein each of said blades comprises a tang forming the a base of each of said tangs.

22. (Original) The tool of claim 21, further comprising a tab attached to each of said blades.

23. (Original) The tool of claim 22, wherein each of said tangs defines one tang aperture aligned with said aperture of said cooperating members.

24. (Original) The tool of claim 23, wherein each of said tangs defines two tang apertures.

25. (Original) The tool of claim 24, wherein at least one of said cooperating members has at least two finger loops.

26. (Currently Amended) A method of modifying a cutting tool, comprising:
providing a pivotal member cutting tool comprising two
cooperating members detachably interconnected to each other at a pivot, said tool
further comprising a first removable blade ~~having at least two cutting edges positioned~~
~~at opposing portions of said blade~~ comprising a tip and a base spaced from said tip, a
first and a second cutting edge extending from substantially said tip and extending
toward said base and a longitudinal axis of said first blade extending from said tip to
said base, said first cutting edge counterposed to said second cutting edge directly
across a said longitudinal axis of said blade;

retaining said first blade in said cooperating members using said
pivot;

separating said cooperating members;

rotating said first removable blade 180 degrees around its said
longitudinal axis;

reconnecting said cooperating members.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26, further comprising providing a second removable blade having at least two edges and a longitudinal axis.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising rotating said second removable blade around said longitudinal axis.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising exchanging said first and second blades between respective cooperating members.

30. (cancelled)

31. (cancelled)

32. (cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) A cutting tool kit, comprising:

a pair of handles, wherein each of said handles defines a pocket capable of receiving a blade;

a first pair of blades, each of the first pair of blades comprising a tip and a base spaced from said tip, at least a first and a second cutting edge extending from substantially said tip and extending toward said base and a longitudinal axis of said first blade extending from said tip to said base, said first cutting edge counterposed to said second cutting edge across a said longitudinal axis of said blade, said first blade removably mounted to said jaw section of said first cooperating member such that said blade can be rotated about said longitudinal axis 180 degrees and mounted on said handles in one of two positions ~~having two cutting edges counterposed along a longitudinal axis of the blades, each of said first pair of blades reversibly positionable on respective ones of said handles;~~

at least a second pair of blades having ~~two cutting edges and a~~

different configuration from said first pair of blades, each of said second pair of blades comprising a tip and a remote end spaced from said tip, at least a first and a second cutting edge extending from substantially said tip and extending toward said remote end and a longitudinal axis of said first blade extending from said tip to said remote end, said first cutting edge counterposed to said second cutting edge across a said longitudinal axis of said blade, said first blade removably mounted to said jaw section of said first cooperating member such that said blade can be rotated about said longitudinal axis 180 degrees and mounted on said handles in one of two positions, said ~~at least second pair of blades being reversibly positionable on said handles.~~

34. (cancelled)

35. (Original) The kit of claim 34, wherein each of said first pair of blades has a sharper point than each of said second pair of blades.

36. (Previously Amended) The kit of claim 34, wherein each of said first pair of blades has a duller cutting edge than the cutting edge of each of said second pair of blades.

37. (Original) The kit of claim 34, wherein each of said first pair of blades comprises a stronger alloy than each of said second pair of blades.

38. (Original) The kit of claim 34, wherein each of said first pair of blades has a tip that is more curved than a tip of each of said second pair of blades.